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SENATE RESOLUTION 78  
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A RESOLUTION To congratulate the gospel group *Spirit of Memphis* on receiving a Folklife Heritage Award at the 2001 Governor's Awards in the Arts.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those fine musicians that bring the joys of artistic expression and culture to the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Shelby County's *Spirit of Memphis* is one such estimable group of talented individuals; they were recently selected to receive a 2001 Governor's Award in the Arts; and

WHEREAS, *Spirit of Memphis*, a gospel music group, was selected from among seventy-five nominees by the Governor's Awards in the Arts, which were established in 1971 to recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to cultural life; and

WHEREAS, These vocally-gifted Memphians received a prestigious Folklife Heritage Award; and

WHEREAS, Governor Don Sundquist and Mrs. Sundquist presented the Award to the members of *Spirit of Memphis* on May 15 in our Capital City; and

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WHEREAS, Our State has a long tradition of musical excellence and a rich musical heritage; throughout our history, gospel musicians have been instrumental in the weaving of a diverse cultural fabric; and

WHEREAS, *Spirit of Memphis* adeptly carries this torch that has been passed from generation to generation; their laudable musical abilities have been well-utilized in the praise of their Lord and have brought much enjoyment to their audiences; and

WHEREAS, Through tireless effort and extraordinary talent, *Spirit of Memphis* has progressed to the pinnacle of musicianship and has inspired applause and recognition from the arts community of our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we congratulate the gospel group *Spirit of Memphis* on receiving the 2001 Governor's Awards in Arts' Folklife Heritage Award, applaud their remarkable talents, and wish them much continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.